

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING THE 108TH BIRTHDAY OF CALHOUN COUNTY NATIVE AND LONG-TIME MALVERN RESIDENT, EDNA RAYBORN REGAN

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 108th birthday of Fourth District native and longtime resident, Mrs. Edna Rayborn Regan. Mrs. Regan spent her birthday celebrating the special occasion in the company of her friends and family.

Born on November 2, 1913, in Calhoun County, Mrs. Regan attended school at Bearden High School where she graduated in 1932. Later, in 1938, she married John Douglas, with whom she shares two sons, three grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. Throughout the years, Mrs. Regan has maintained high spirits and fierce independence, driving until she was 97 and living in her home until she was 100. Early on, Mrs. Regan developed an interest in history, which led to her taking on the role of historian in her family. She is able to trace her family's lineage back several generations without the aid of computers. Thanks to her tireless efforts, her family was able to travel and visit their early ancestral home, which would have never been possible without her determination.

She has since created binders full of stories, pictures, and history to ensure that her family will always cherish from where they came. In Mrs. Regan's spare time, you will rarely find her in her room at her assisted living facility. She enjoys visiting with friends, writing poetry and painting. I take this time today to ask that our Nation join me in wishing Mrs. Edna Rayborn Regan a happy 108th birthday.

HONORING THE ROTARY CLUB OF VALLEJO

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Rotary Club of Vallejo as it celebrates its 100th year anniversary.

The Rotary Club of Vallejo was temporarily formed by 19 businessmen in July 1921 before its permanent admittance to Rotary International on November 6, 1921. As a part of Rotary International, the club's mission is to provide humanitarian service to the community through the improvement of health, support of education, and alleviation of poverty, while promoting high ethical standards, goodwill, and peace.

The Rotary Club of Vallejo promotes local programs, many that benefit the youth in the

Vallejo community. They organized the Dictionary Program to give every third grader a dictionary within the Vallejo City Unified School District and in Vallejo private schools. With a goal to create strong leaders within the community, the Vallejo Rotary Club created a Youth Leadership Program where seven Vallejo high school students participate in a week-long program to learn leadership skills at an outdoor camp. The Club has also generously supported the "Breakfast Club" program, providing breakfast and a safe space to do homework for Vallejo's middle school students before the start of the school day.

Along with the services it has provided, the Rotary Club of Vallejo has also funded the development of many community projects, including the Mullen Theater at the Children's Wonderland Park and the flag pavilion and fountain at California Maritime Academy. Further, the club has generously contributed to the art mural in the children's section at the Vallejo John F. Kennedy Library, and a scholarship program for six graduating seniors.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt that the Rotary Club of Vallejo's achievements and contributions have left a profound impact on the Vallejo community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor it here today.

HONORING THE 190TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRESENTATION ACADEMY

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 190th Anniversary of Presentation Academy. This home of academic excellence is not only the first Catholic school in Louisville, but also our city's oldest continually operating school.

In 1831, Mother Catherine Spalding and the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth founded Presentation Academy, and over the past 190 years, the city of Louisville and Presentation have grown and changed together. It is an honor to recognize this iconic institution and its commitment to educating and inspiring young women. In making diversity, inclusivity and individuality a core part of the learning environment at Presentation, you have prepared generations of young women to take on the challenges of the future.

Following a long tradition, senior Toppers sign Presentation's tower on their last day of school, and I am grateful to the many Presentation alumnae who have also left their signature on Louisville and beyond. I have no doubt that this legacy of service and activism will continue for years to come.

Madam Speaker, colleagues, please join me in extending our congratulations to the administration, faculty, staff, parents, students, and alumnae of Presentation Academy as they celebrate nearly two centuries of changing lives

through education and service. They are an absolute treasure to our community, and I wish them the best as they come together to celebrate this incredible milestone.

DR. BERNADETTE ALBANESE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Bernadette Albanese of the Tri-County Health Department for her dedication and service to the people of Adams, Arapahoe and Douglas Counties during the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to her duties as a Pediatric Infectious Disease Specialist and Medical Epidemiologist for Tri-County Health Department, Dr. Albanese went above and beyond to engage, educate and inform the community about COVID-19, including by participating in three Telephone Town Halls with my office and thousands of my constituents.

Dr. Albanese, who specializes in communicable disease control, outbreak investigations, disease surveillance and general health trends, eagerly partnered with our office to help inform constituents on the most up-to-date and accurate information on COVID-19. On these Telephone Town Halls, Dr. Albanese used her background in disease control and epidemiology to facilitate informed conversations with constituents and answer their questions during an uncertain time.

There is no amount of recognition that can accurately display just how much Dr. Albanese has done for us. It is because of essential workers like Dr. Albanese that we have been able to make it this far in the pandemic. I wish her nothing but the best in the future, as we continue to fight against COVID-19.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ERIC SAWYER

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, it is with great sorrow that I rise today to honor the life of the late Eric "Ric" Sawyer, a longstanding eastern Connecticut resident who passed on November 5, 2021, at the age of 76. Having served the State of Connecticut and our nation in a variety of capacities, public service was engrained within Ric's outlook on life. In fact, I can attest to the fact that community service was a vital aspect of the entire Sawyer family, as I had the opportunity to briefly serve with Ric's partner, Pamela Sawyer, in the Connecticut General Assembly, who is now going on to lead the Town of Bolton, Connecticut as its First Selectwoman after more than two decades in the Assembly.

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